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Dr. Mr. Shivley,

We are writing in regard to PLP's visit to Nondalton on March 14, 2012 to relay information from the Environmental Baseline Document chapters concerning hydrology, water quality, and fisheries data collected during 2004-2008. The meeting was well attended and generated a great deal of discussion (so much discussion, in fact, that water quality was never addressed). While we appreciate PLP's efforts to reach out to local communities, the meeting raised serious concerns amongst members of Nondalton Tribal Council (NTC) and the community at large, which are outlined below. The community of Nondalton attended your meeting and respectfully listened to the information provided. We now request that you respectfully consider and address our comments and concerns regarding those presentations.

First and foremost, we feel scheduling a three-hour meeting to relay more than 12,000 pages of information on hydrology, water quality and fisheries studies was insufficient to share and discuss even a small fraction of topics in PLP's 30,000 page Baseline document. Second, the technical manner in which information was presented hindered—rather than facilitated—public understanding and participation. Our interactions with other scientists serve to clarify technical information but this did not occur during the PLP meeting. Further, judging by the presentations provided by Hugh McCreadie and Mary Lou Keefe, no attempt was made by PLP or its consultants to include Local Ecological Knowledge (LEK), or indigenous science despite apparent shortcomings of the document, which would have benefited from local consultation.

As the closest community to the proposed Pebble mine, and thus the community most likely to be impacted by project development, we feel these oversights are inexcusable. Below we list more specific concerns raised during the March 14th meeting. Please address and respond to the following questions:

HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

1. Given the short period of time PLP has been in the area, they should consult with local communities regarding the history of high and low water/snow years. Under-calculating the amount of water has potential implications for water treatment and over-calculating the amount of water could underestimate the impacts to fish from water withdrawals.
2. After local input, an effort should be made to include data from extreme years with record snowfall (such as fall 2003, spring/summer 2012); it sounded as though consultants were

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